

Remarks

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed February 9, 2006, the Examiner noted that the pending claims had not been properly identified as to their status. In addition, Applicant noted that claims 7 to 13 were originally filed and that claims 1 to 7 were subsequently presented in a later submission. In the interest of avoiding confusion, Applicant has withdrawn all prior submitted claims and presented a new set of claims, with the status indicated as NEW. The earlier presented claims, variously numbered from 7 to 13 and 1 to 7, correspond with new claims 14 to 20. No new matter has been entered in the claims with these amendments.

As the claims are essentially unchanged from the earlier filed claims on which the Examiner based the Restriction Requirement, Applicant makes the following election, without traverse:

Applicant requests the examination of claims 14 to 17, directed to an melt blowing spinnerette.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue the non-electing claims. Applicant does not agree with the Examiner's characterization of the nature of the inventions embodied in the pending claims but makes this election in the interest of expediting prosecution.

Also submitted with this Amendment and Response are a copy of an Assignment of interest in this patent application from the inventor to Biax

Fiberfilms. As discussed with the Examiner, Applicant is including this document to establish Biax Fiberfilm's right to continue prosecution of this application, as the inventor, Eckhard Schwartz, is now deceased, as note by the Examiner in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. This copy of the Assignment is provided as a courtesy to the Examiner and Applicant will be submitting this Assignment for recordation under separate cover. Applicant will also be submitting a Power of Attorney document from Biax Fiberfilm under separate cover.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the above Amendment and Response, or the Election, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representative Alan R. Stewart by telephone at 920.831.6364, or by e-mail at astewart@gklaw.com.

Respectfully Submitted

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